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9² Figure 4 shows a universal controller assembly according to the present invention.

Please add the following paragraph on page 20, after line 24 as a new paragraph before
"Definitions":

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a Figure 4 shows a universal controller assembly 200 according to the present invention. A pin connector 204 is connected through a multi-line conductor 208 to a circuit board 212. On the circuit board 212 are shown circuits 216. These circuits 216 may arbitrarily represent peripheral components for coin accepting 220, button controls 224 and currency validation 228. The circuits 216 are connected to output points 236 on the circuit board 212. A conductor 240 feeds from the output points 236 to a port 242 on a computer 244.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A clean copy of the amended claims is provided at the end of this amendment and response in compliance with the new requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (AMENDED) A method for reconfiguring a computerized wagering game apparatus having a harness for associating [memory] computerized game controller with output devices in the apparatus, the method comprising:

a) removing an original special-purpose computerized game controller used to control a computerized wagering game from the apparatus, the original computerized game controller designed to and capable of working exclusively with a particular computerized wagering game apparatus;

b) inserting a universal computerized game controller operable to control a video wagering game that can be played on the video wagering game apparatus and an I/O interface

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that operatively couples the universal computerized game controller to user interface devices of the wagering game apparatus; and

c) sending signals from the computerized game controller through the I/O and harness to confirm proper communication between the computerized game controller and the user interface devices.

Please add the following new claims:

22. A universal gaming controller comprising:

a pin connector for attachment to a gaming apparatus;

a connection to a circuit board;

the circuit board is capable of converting signals from a computer for peripherals in the gaming apparatus which can be executed by the computer; and

the circuit board having a port to connect the controls for peripherals to the computer within the gaming apparatus.

23. The universal gaming controller of claim 22 wherein the peripherals include at least one function selected from the group consisting of button controls, coin acceptors, touch screen coordinates, credit managers, currency acceptors and security devices.

24. The universal gaming controller of claim 22 wherein the port is connected to a computer to execute controls for peripherals.

25. The universal gaming controller of claim 23 wherein the port is connected to a computer to execute controls for peripherals.

26. The universal gaming controller of claim 22 wherein the gaming apparatus is a video gaming apparatus.

REMARKS CONCERNING THE AMENDMENTS